

A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the Year, 1939.

TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROMNEY MARSH.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors:-

The area of the district is 31.031 acres.

The Resident Population was 3494.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1939, according to the Rate Books, was 1474.

The Rateable Value was £19,545.

The sum represented by a penny rate was £81.

VITAL STATISTICS:

		Males:	Females:	Total:
LIVE BIRTHS - Legitimate:	23	14	37
Illegitimate:	0	1	1
		<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>38</u>

This gives a Birth Rate of 10.87 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 15.00.

Birth Rates for the past five years:-

		Romney Marsh:	England & Wales.
1935	12.64	14.70.
1936	15.67	14.80.
1937	12.94	14.90.
1938	12.46	15.10.
1939	<u>10.87</u>	<u>15.00.</u>
Average ..		12.91	14.90

Still Births - Rate per 1,000 total (live & Still) births:-
There was one Stillbirth, illegitimate, 25.64.

DEATHS - Males: 28. Females: 24. Total: 52.

This gives a Death Rate of 14.11 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was:- 12.10.

Death Rates for the past five years:-

		Romney Marsh:	England & Wales.
1935	12.02	11.70
1936	7.83	12.10
1937	10.88	12.40
1938	12.48	11.60
1939	<u>14.11</u>	<u>12.10</u>
Average ..		11.46	11.98

Deaths from Puerperal causes:- Nil.

Deaths - Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births:- Nil.

Puerperal Sepsis:- - Nil.

Other puerperal causes:- - Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births:- 78.94.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births:- 78.94.

Illegitimate infants " " " " Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	-	6.
" " Measles (all ages)	-	Nil.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	Nil.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	Nil.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality.

The conditions of occupation & environment are good.

There was no marked unemployment.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
REMAIN THE SAME.

WATER SUPPLY:

The extensions of the Mid-Kent Water Company's Mains, mentioned in last year's report, have been completed.

The Littlestone Water Company took over the supply to Dymchurch on 1st April, and the new 6 inch Main from St. Mary's has been laid.

There was no shortage of water during the year, and the process of chlorination has been carried out satisfactorily by the Littlestone Company.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	1.
Pneumonia	8.
Scarlet Fever	3.
Puerperal Pyrexia	1.
Diphtheria	3.
Anterior Polio-Myelitis	1.

All the cases of Scarlet Fever & Diphtheria were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

The case of Tuberculosis was removed to a Sanatorium.

The case of Puerperal Pyrexia recovered.

I am,

Mr. Chairman & Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

ARNOLD McMILLAN.

